

Town of Brookfield
P.O. Box 5106
Brookfield, CT 06804

VOTE

BROOKFIELD PARKS REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Tuesday
September 17

6 AM — 8 PM

District 1: Huckleberry Hill Elementary School
District 2: Brookfield High School
Absentee Ballots: Town Clerk's Office

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INFORMATION

Dear Resident:

Earlier this year, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance voted to send a bonding package to the Town for consideration. General information about the Parks Revitalization Program, including design concept and projected costs, can be found in this document. The referendum date for this project was set at a Town Meeting on July 18 at Brookfield High School. **The referendum date is Tuesday, September 17, 2013.** Voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School and at Brookfield High School. If you have any questions about this project, please contact your elected officials.

State Grant

The town has been awarded a \$750,000 grant to fund the construction of a multi-use facility at Town Beach. This proposed building will replace the current restroom and changing facilities. The grant is specific in its purpose and cannot be used to fund other aspects of this project.

Costs

While the referendum vote will be for the total cost of the project, the net cost to the Town will reflect State reimbursement.

Total appropriation	\$5,300,000
Grant funding from the State	\$750,000
Net cost to the Town	\$4,550,000

This mailer was approved by the Board of Selectmen and paid for by the Town Brookfield.

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The Project

The Current Proposal

The Town rejected a parks renovation program in 2010 (1,206 residents voting 'yes' and 1,384 'no') that also included work on Kids Kingdom. Since then, the town approved the renovation of Kids Kingdom as a stand-alone project. The new proposal incorporates many changes that reflect community feedback received at a variety of forums including several public hearings.

Referendum question

"Shall the Town of Brookfield appropriate \$5,300,000 to fund the costs of renovations and improvements to Cadigan Park and Town Beach on Candlewood Lake Road and authorize bonds or notes and temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$5,300,000 to finance the appropriation?"

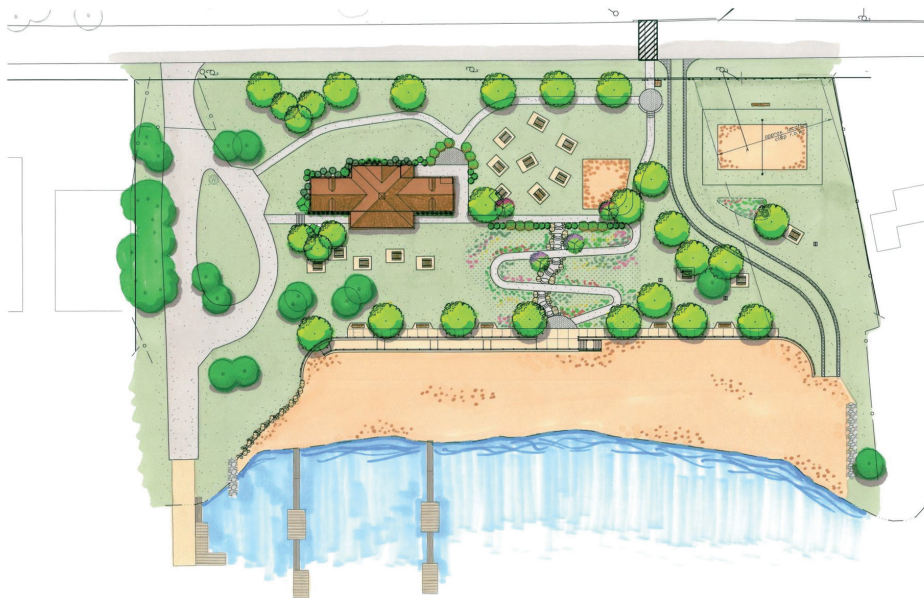
Changes in Current Proposal

- Overall scope of the proposed Town Beach Building changed to create a multi-use facility.
- Funding of \$750,000 for the proposed Town Beach Building obtained.
- Concepts of relocating the athletic fields and creating new park entrances eliminated.
- Parking plan revised.
- Cadigan Park outbuildings renovated rather than rebuilt.
- Design layouts for both parks simplified.

Cadigan Park



Town Beach



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Cadigan Park

Cadigan Park/Existing Conditions

- Purchased by the Town in 1968 for \$54,000
- Playing fields heavily used
- Tennis courts are currently closed to the public
- Restroom facilities are 41 years old
- Park has no walking path

Cadigan Park/Usage

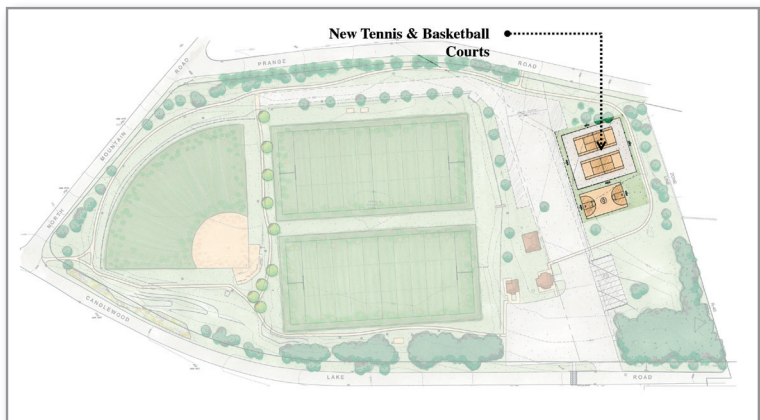
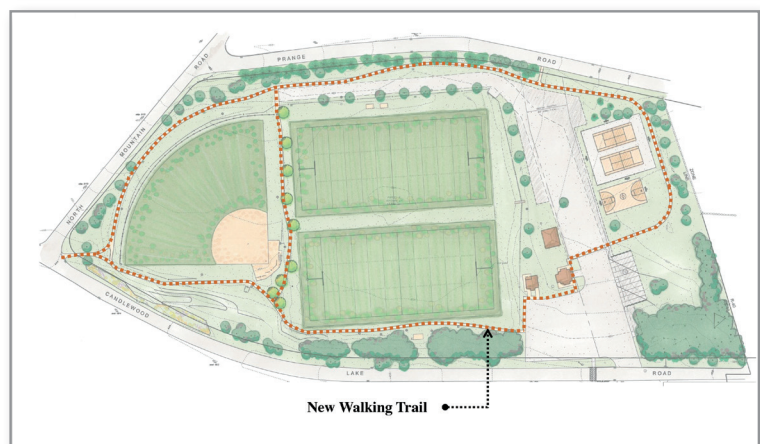
- Brookfield Youth Football & Cheerleaders (300–400 children per season; August–November)
- Youth Lacrosse (600 children, ages 8–15; April–June)
- Brookfield Summer Camp (900 kids; June–August; includes swimming at Town Beach)
- Picnic Pavilion rented by families/civic groups/businesses (April–November)
- Adult Softball (15 teams, 5 nights per week, May–October)
- Youth Softball & Baseball (6 teams, 2 nights per week, April–August)
- Passive recreation use (all ages, walking, jogging, picnicking, relaxing)

Cadigan Park Proposal

Features of the proposal include:

- New drainage system throughout the site
- Installation of two synthetic turf multi-purpose playing fields
- New tennis courts
- New basketball court
- Overflow parking
- Boat trailer parking
- New walking path
- Renovated restrooms

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Town Beach

Town Beach/Existing Conditions

- Park inception dates back to 1965
- The primary sea wall is failing
- The park is not ADA compliant
- The restroom and changing facilities are over 25 years old
- There are soil erosion and drainage issues

Town Beach Users/Programs

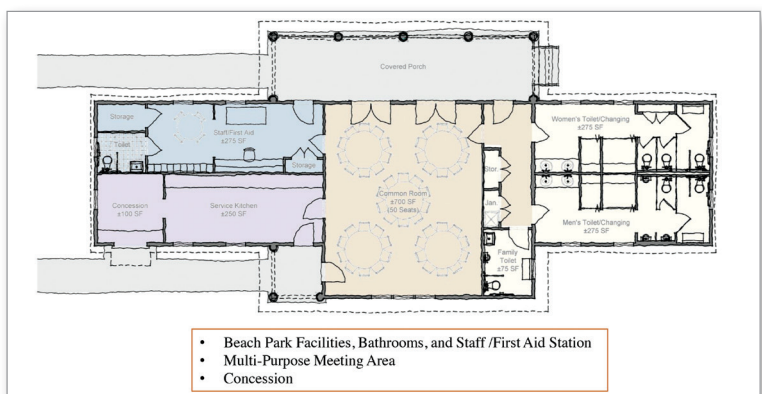
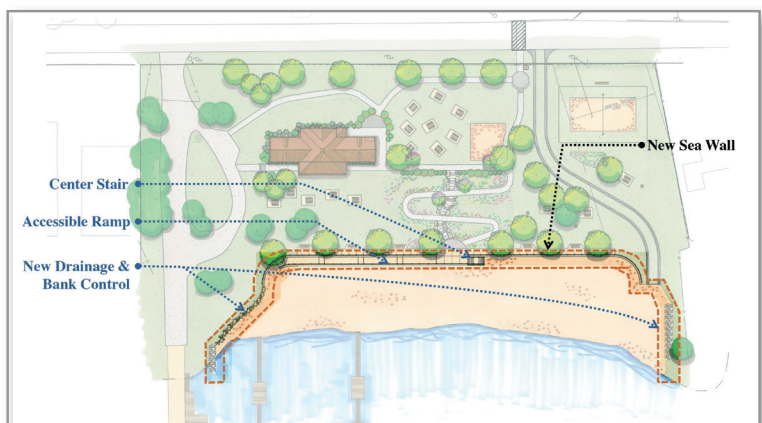
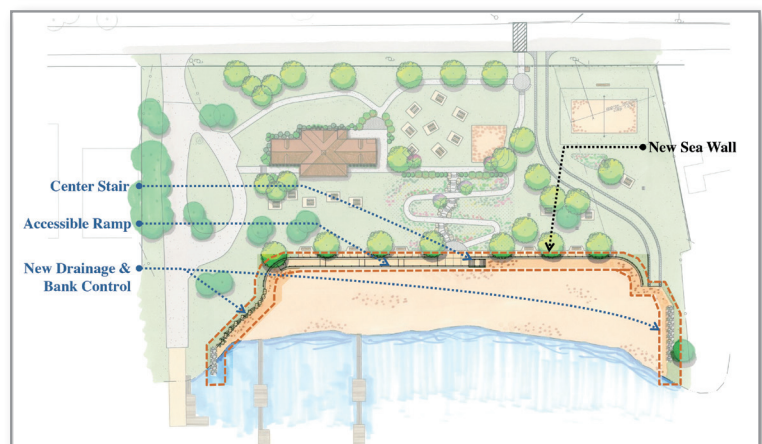
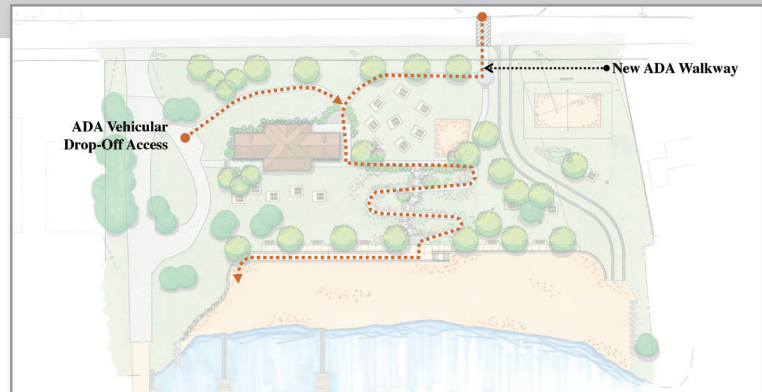
- Beach – family swimming/sunbathing/picnicking (average 650 family beach passes issued per season over the last 12 years)
- Boating - boat ramp (average of 110 boat passes issued per season over the last 12 years)
- Swim team (average of 116 children participating per season over the last 12 years)
- Swimming lessons (average more than 200 children per season over the last 12 years)
- Water safety education
- Canoe / kayak races
- Concerts / summer festivals

Town Beach Proposal

Features of the proposal include:

- New road crossing safety system from parking on Cadigan side
- New ADA compliant path system that will include handicap access to the beach
- New ADA compliant vehicular drop-off area
- Rebuilt sea wall
- New drainage system
- Renovation of volleyball court
- Landscaping
- Expanded picnic areas and seating
- Replacement of existing buildings with one multi-use facility to be funded by a \$750,000 state grant

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